



Newsletter

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Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the Autumn Term. We close for the Christmas break on Thursday 21st and re-open on Monday 8th January 2018.

We have had a number of visitors from other schools this term observing our practice. All of them were impressed with the learning behaviours and conduct shown by our children. Of course we know that MMPS children are well behaved and have excellent attitudes to learning, but it was lovely to have this recognised.

Can I remind you that school shoes should be black **only**—no colour.

Children can wear trainers but they must be completely black. A parent has asked about flavoured water or squash in water bottles. We promote healthy eating and therefore request that children only bring plain water in their water bottles. We also have water fountains in school that children can fill them up from.

So far we have managed to keep school open during bad weather. Any decision to close school or open late is never taken lightly and we will always endeavour to keep school open. However, if we have to close school we will send a text out. We inform the local Authority so it is on the Bradford Schools Online Website. It is also reported on the Pulse Radio. This final week we have Christmas Parties for all year groups on Wednesday 20th with morning Nursery on Thursday 21st.

Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 2 have been busy preparing for their Nativity. We will be collecting for the Bradford Food Bank after the performances.

May I take this opportunity to wish those of you who are celebrating, a Merry Christmas and to wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

Best wishes

Lorraine Martin

Headteacher

Phase updates

Phase One

Nursery & reception

Thank you to all parents who have attended parent play this term. Class teachers have begun to hand out parent logins during parent play. These logins allow you to view your child's learning journey online. Staff will continue to hand these out over the coming weeks but require you to see a demonstration of how the system works. We would also like you to contribute to your child's learning journey. Staff will be available during parent play to help you contribute to this.

Year 1

As part of their curriculum work Year 1 have been making bird feeders. These will be used for their fundraising event in January. You will be given further details about this nearer the time.

Phase 1

Phase one have been busy learning songs for the nativity production. Thank you to all parents that came to watch their children. I am sure you will agree that the children did a great job at performing these songs.

Phase Two

This month we have been practising the nativity and we can't wait to show our parents. We have sold pebble pals to raise funds and there are still some available.

We have learnt the Lost and Found text and written fantastic prequels, We are sure you would love to read them.

Year three shared their rule of law Work with the rest of ks2 in assembly in the form of a rap, drama and posters. They also have finished their Ancient Greece topic and will be starting the Stone Age after the holidays. They have been doing lots of multiplication and division work and are now applying this to our measurement unit. In literacy the children have written some imaginative, exciting myths of their own.

Year three and four have been busy selling books and bookmarks to raise money for school funds towards visits and visitors to further enrich our curriculum. A big thank you for all book donations towards our sale, we raised £151!

In Year 4, we have been learning about creating tension through spooky story writing. This has been a really good opportunity for children to develop their descriptive writing and reading skills. In Topic we are currently learning about the Vikings and when and why they came to Britain. Making Viking shields has been our favourite part so far!

Phase Three

Year 5

This half term Y5 have taken part and enjoyed Ballet workshops ran by the Northern Ballet Company. They also had the opportunity to go to The Grand, in Leeds, to watch 'The little Mermaid' performed by the Northern Ballet Company.



Year 5 had a visit from the local PCSO who delivered a anti-bullying workshop which also involved information about how to stay safe online. Year 5 have spent the last term learning about Space in their topic and science lessons.

Year 6

This half term some of the Y6 children enjoyed an adventurous week in the Lake District where they walked up mountains; canoed along a lake; orienteered plus many more exciting activities. This was a real challenge for the children which encouraged them to persevere and remain motivated. They all had a fantastic time! The children who remained in school enjoyed a week of Forest school



activities! Year children also took part this half term in an Anti-Bullying workshop led by the local PCSO. Year 6 have worked extremely hard this term—they sat a Mock SATs test last week which shows progress in reading, maths and SPAG. Well done Year6— keep up the hard work!

Attendance

		Mars	95.3%	Saturn	89.9%
Jupiter	96%	Mercury	93%	Neptune	96.5%
Galileo	93.4%	Sharman	95%	Hawking	96.5%
Bronte	96.4%	Hockney	95.9%	Nightingale	94.6%
Adams	96.6%	Armstrong	93.8%	Newton	97.5%
Turing	97.2%	Pankhurst	97.1%	Ennis	95.1%
Mandela	97.5%	Malala	96.2%	Rowling	96.4%

Well done to all classes with more than 95% attendance!

Diary Dates

Break up for Christmas	Thursday 21st December
Back to school	Monday 8th January
Y3 and Y4 Pantomime trip	Friday 12th January
Reception Eye Testing	22nd and 23rd January
Half Term	Friday 9th February

TAC Team Update

TAC Team News

Good Friend Awards

As part of Anti bullying week staff were asked to nominate a pupil they thought was a good friend in and around school, and one pupil was chosen from each year group. On Friday 1st December Mrs Elizabeth Hellmich MBE, a governor of our school , presented each pupil with their certificate and trophy.

The Good Friend Trophies were awarded to ; Faiz Mahmood (Year 1), Hanan Zufar (Year 2), Ratko Miker(Year 3), Shifa Fatima (Year 4), Daim Farooq (Year 5) and Aleena Kausar (Year 6). Congratulations everyone!

Nurture Group

New sessions beginning in January please contact Mrs Lister or Mrs Begum.

Stay and Play

Every Monday and Tuesday 1.30 – 3pm. Everyone welcome from birth to three .

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